



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED SoCal Gas Line 80 Abandonment Demolition and Reclamation Plan Case No. 18DRP-00000-00002 / 18CDP-00000-00068

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes the removal and abandonment of portions of SoCal Gas Company's Line 80 and the removal and replacement of the existing Line 159 span support.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located southeast of California SR 217, east of the UCSB, and west of More Ranch Road in the Second Supervisorial District. The project site includes Assessor Parcel Numbers: 071-200-011, -008, -017, 071-210-001, 073-450-001, and 073-130-001.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of 21NGD-00000-00002. You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on June 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

PROJECT DETAILS: The project is for a Demolition and Reclamation Permit (DRP) to allow for the removal and abandonment of SoCal Gas Company's Line 80. The portions of Line 80 that are proposed to be abandoned in place or removed are located adjacent to an existing bike path, east of Sandspit Road, extend south, under Tecolotito Creek/Goleta Slough, then west under Sandspit Road, traverse through the Goleta Beach County Park, westward, under SR 217, and terminate at an existing paved SoCalGas facility, east of Mesa Road. The project is made up of four segments along Line 80; Segments 1 and 3 include above and below ground pipeline removal and Segments 2 and 4 include below ground pipeline abandonment.

Segment 1 includes above-ground removal of Line 80 and associated supports (approximately 23 supports) near the bank of Tecolito Creek (505 linear feet; support structure depth is approximately 7.0 feet), and removal and replacement of the existing Line 159 span support. The replacement support would extend less than two feet above the ground surface and would be drilled to a depth of 40 feet below ground approximately 10 feet from the creek bank. Segment 2 of pipeline runs under the Tecolotito Creek/Goleta Slough and State Route 217 (SR 217) and would be abandoned in place. Segment 3 will include excavation and removal of underground pipeline south of Tecolotito Creek/Goleta Slough, through Goleta Beach County Park, and up to the eastern boundary of the bike path parallel to SR 217. Lastly, Segment 4 which runs to the

eastern wall of an existing paved SoCalGas facility is proposed to be abandoned in place and filled with 322 cubic feet of grout (1,141 linear feet; depth is approximately between 2.0 and 5.0 feet).

In total, approximately 2,000 linear feet of pipeline is to be removed and approximately 1,300 linear feet of pipeline is proposed to be abandoned in place. Segments 1 and 2 are in the California Coastal Commission (CCC) Permit Jurisdiction. Segments 3 and 4 are in the California Coastal Commission Appeal Jurisdiction. The Coastal Commission and UCSB will process concurrent permit requests for those portions of the project within their respective jurisdictions. A total of 2.11 acres (91,900 square feet) of disturbance is proposed for the work areas and access routes/ramps. Grading will include approximately 2,768.5 cubic yards (CY) of cut and approximately 2,959.5 CY of fill. No trees are proposed for removal.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) (21NGD-00000-00002) pursuant to Section 15073 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D's issuance of a ND affirms our opinion that any significant adverse impacts associated with the proposed project may be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures and that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The ND prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geologic Processes, Hazardous Materials/Risk of Upset, Noise, Recreation, and Water Resources**. If the project description changes, P&D will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. This reevaluation will be subject to all regular fees and conditions. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: If a copy of the draft ND is not attached, the draft ND may be obtained and all documents incorporated by reference in the ND may be reviewed at P&D offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara and on the P&D website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/plndev/home.sbc>.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, Katie Nall, at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, Phone: (805) 884-8050, or email: nalk@countyofsb.org prior to the close of public comment on June 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.